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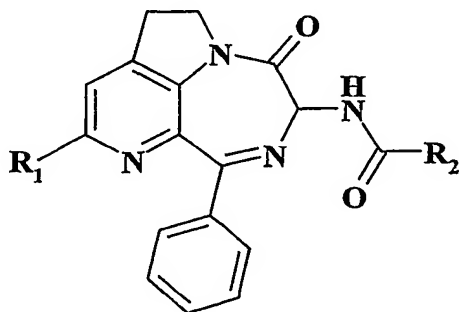
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I):  
characterized in that: • R<sub>1</sub> represents a group selected  
from hydrogen atom, methyl, methoxy, hydroxy,  
amino, dimethylamino, acetamido, pyrrolidin-1-yl,  
and hydroxymethyl; • R<sub>2</sub> represent a group selected  
from phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl,  
indolyl, pyrrolyl, [1,2,3]-triazolyl, benzo[c]isoxazolyl,  
thienyl, pyrazolyl, isothiazolyl, imidazolyl,  
benzofuranyl, pyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazyl each of  
these groups being optionally substituted from 1  
to 3 groups, identical or different independently of  
each other, selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl,  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, amino,  
acetamido, tert-butyloxycarbonylamino, cycloalkyl-

carbonylamino, sulfonamide, nitro, acetylmethoxy, cyclopentyloxy; optionally, their optical isomers, and addition salts thereof with  
a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base, and their use as active ingredient in pharmaceutical composition useful for treating  
diseases involving therapy by inhibition of PDE4.